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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence
FROM : Executive Assistant, SI
SUBJECT: Conversations with SIC Members on Next SIC Meeting

1. In view of the fact that there will be some difficulty in getting all of the SIC members together during the next week or so, I called each member to see if there isn't a more expeditious way of handling the estimates problem. Each member, with the exception of Dr. Henderson, who is out of town until Tuesday, has agreed to submit his comment on the subject in writing. This will consist of:

- a. Specific comment on the terms of reference of any or all of the estimates circulated.
- b. The extent to which their Department will participate in each estimate.
- c. Any other comment on the subject they may wish to submit.

2. In the conversations with Commander Lawder, he remarked that he believed there would be no opposition to all but three of the estimates. Commander Lawder further stated that the Navy is preparing an estimate in the field of electronics which he feels will make a similar estimate by CIA unnecessary. The Navy is doing this for the three services and will have their concurrence in the final paper. A similar situation exists in the field of guided missiles, where the Air Force at Wright Field is understood to be preparing a similar service department coordinated estimate.

3. I feel that the written comment, from the service members particularly, will be most constructive and will give us something positive to start on regardless of what specific objections they may voice. We can probably go ahead on at least seven of the estimates immediately. I feel, however, that when we receive their written comment, and assuming that it will contain the information on the estimates in guided missiles and electronics which Commander Lawder mentioned, we should interpose strong objections at the DCI level. We should insist that these estimates not be produced until they have been referred to CIA, and we have been given the opportunity to participate in their preparation. We should also make strong representations to the DCI that this should be done by the JEIC and the JGMIC. We have committees, people have said that they are doing anything, let's put them to work.

4. Under the circumstances, it appears as though the SIC meeting or September should be delayed until some time in the week of the twenty-fourth. I suggest that it be in the early part of the week and

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the b/s (pink) attached in RLC's initials says, let them go ahead and prepare their estimates and we will ask to review them. If not forthcoming, we'll prepare our own for ONE, etc.

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